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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed November 1, 2007, Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced application be reconsidered based on the following:

- I.** A complete listing of the claims appears on page 2 of this paper; and
- II.** Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.